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ARE YOU GOING AWAY?

Subscribers who leave the city temporarily should not fail to have THE WASHINGTON HERALD follow them. Advertisements will be changed as often as requested.

Women in Politics.

It is rather evident, we think, that the women of America are coming more and more to the knowledge that they have political influence, and that they are willing and eager to use it.

Mrs. Harry New, in Chicago the other day, took note of this tendency, and as if to give point to what Mrs. New had to say as to the influence of women in politics, we have the announcement of Mrs. W. J. Bryan that, in her opinion, Prof. Woodrow Wilson would be a good running mate for her husband in the coming campaign.

The women who are really influential in politics, however, are hardly those who clamor for woman's rights and demand the ballot. That is too nearly direct competition with the sterner—not stronger—sex, and a woman knows that there are much better and surer ways of getting what you want than fighting for it.

And we are inclined strongly to the belief that this tendency of the American women to take part in the affairs of government, not directly, but by furnishing the power and some of the brains behind the vote, is altogether desirable.

It is not a pleasant thought that, perhaps, some day the women of the country will be marching down to the polls and casting their votes, and in heated competition with the men, indulge in scrambling for office; intellectually and morally they do not seem fitted for such practical politics.

The Quebec Celebration.

The celebration of the centenary of the foundation of the city of Quebec, which is to be held next month, will be, in a striking way, an exemplification of how much has been accomplished in modern times in the way of international amity.

Cruel Judge Hamilton.

Judge Harper Hamilton, of Georgia, is a cruel, hard-hearted judge, we believe. Judge Hamilton has not heretofore borne any such reputation; indeed, quite the contrary is true.

greater number of the soldiers in the uniform of the British King speak French better and more readily than they do English. It is, of course, eminently fitting that France should take a prominent part in the celebration ceremonies.

And so, during the ceremonies the old-time rivals and enemies, now friends, will meet on the Plains of Abraham, every foot of which has reeked with British and French blood, and they will jointly unveil a monument to the two heroes of the siege of Quebec, Montcalm and Wolfe, both of whom gave up their lives in that fierce struggle which was to change so manifestly the destiny of the northern portion of the American continent.

The United States is to be represented at Quebec by some war vessels under command of a rear admiral; and it is fitting that it should be so, for the soldiers who fought that day upon the Plains of Abraham and routed the French, not a few were drafted from the British colonies in America.

Prohibition in Bad Hands.

If prohibition has received a setback in the South, and the recent acts of Florida and Louisiana would seem to indicate that it has, it is the fault of nobody but the prohibitionists. They certainly had things going their way, so far as surface indications demonstrated, and good generalship might have held the course of events true to the direction originally marked out.

Unfortunately for the cause of prohibition, however, the politicians seized upon it before it had developed its full growth, guised it in the form of ultra-morality, rode it to victory in many localities, and are now seemingly getting ready to turn over the battered remains of the machine to anybody who will take it. The present prohibition law of Georgia, for instance, was not put on the statute books by the politicians; it was placed there because of the pressure brought to bear upon the legislature after its assembly, and without the utterance of a word by any prohibitionist on the stump before the elections resulting in the present legislative membership were held.

Democracy "insurgents" may well make up their minds right now as to whether they will support the same sort of legislation for their entertainment in Denver. Perhaps a number of newspaper correspondents will not thoroughly appreciate Mr. Roosevelt until another man actually is on the White House job.

An inquisitive contemporary wants to know how it may be said that the "Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm" has just made its "maiden trip." Perhaps it is a molly-coddle. A Federal geologist is out West trying to locate a "prehistoric meow." A million years from now some such party will be trying to locate the late Leslie M. Shaw Presidential boom.

The per capita circulation is figured to-day at \$35.99, whereas a short while ago it was figured at \$35.35. Now, what on earth could have become of that stray nickel? Caleb Powers denies that he will go on the lecture platform. This, doubtless, was an ante-pardon promise exacted of him by the governor of Kentucky.

Also, but Not Likewise.

At a recent meeting in Hampton one of the speakers told of a colored witness who was rebuked by the judge by the constant repetition of the phrase "also and likewise." "Now, judge," replied the witness, "there's a difference between those words. I've swine to 'splain. Yo' father was an attorney and a great one, and he brought me here to hold the same manner; he isn't going to get it."

SOLITUDE.

To sit on rocks, to muse o'er flood and fall, To slowly trace the forest's shady scene, Where things that own not man's dominion dwell And mortal foot hath ne'er or rarely been; To climb the rugged mountains all unscathed, With the wild steep that never needs a fold; Alone o'er steep and towering falls to lean; If we're not woe-stricken, now how can we bliss; With none who bless us, now how can we bliss; With none of splendor shrinking from distress; None that, with kindred countenance embold, To climb the rugged mountains all unscathed; Of all that flattered, followed, sought, and used; This is to be alone; this is solitude! —Lord Byron.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

The sparrows chatter all the day. Yet haven't anything to say. The chiefest matter is to chatter, And that they do in tireless way.

DIPEDS.

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"Those young girls do me great credit. I think," declared a lady in the audience. "You are one of their instructors. I presume?" "No; I'm a dreamaker."

CONVENTION GAME.

Bay State Comment on the Work Done at Chicago.

The game is through. The capture is completed. It was a capture. The Washington machinery was bent to the task. A handful of politicians did the work—the wire work, deals, throat-cutting, and all the noisy shouting. The people were as much out of it as are the Russian peasants out of the Czar's political kitchen.

Taft's Running Mate.

"Jim" Sherman is the weakest of Joseph G. Cannon's three personal benchmarks on the floor of the House. There is nothing radical, independent, or advanced about Jim Sherman. He is an old-line member of the oldest line there is. To the center and foundation of his being he stands for every idea, tenet, and policy that Democracy is pledged to fight.

Roosevelt's Policies.

Policies, like products, are usually good through and through if they are really good at all. The croakers who were ready to load the responsibility for the slump in the country's prosperity upon the shoulders of the President are no longer using this as a weapon of attack. It is impossible to do so in the light of fact. It is seen that had it not been for his policies the country would have suffered most grievously from the situation that has brought us to this.

Brookton Cocktail.

"When you go to Brookton, Mass., beware of the cocktails. I drank four," narrated William Havot, in the Taunton police court, "and on my way home I looked up and saw a herd of elephants flying on pink wings, with baby blue ears, one eye and pink patches. When they lit on the telegraph wires and began to dance I got excited, and when I came to I was in the station. Never saw any more of the elephants, but the cocktails are made principally of spirits of camphor."

Hostile Houston.

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Up Goes Beef.

"Beef prices still soaring," say the dispatches. Thank the good Lord that the wings of the spring chickens are clipped and that the birds are roosting low.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Why was there no attempt to stampede the Chicago convention for Roosevelt? Because the allies were no less alert than the steam-roller crowd to prevent it.

There were men in that convention unalterably opposed to Taft, who went to Chicago determined that, whatever happened, the renomination of Roosevelt should be prevented at all hazards.

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ON MARRYING IN HASTE AT THE HOTELS.

By THE OPTIMIST. June being the month for brides, it brings with it the thought of marriage and giving in marriage. It is a subject of vital importance, and especially in this country, where marriage seems to be fast losing its character as a religious ceremony—a sacrament—and is being considered more as a legal process, designed for social convenience. We have almost ceased to think as Milton did, that—

There is no problem that life offers in which the young folks should find it so necessary to consult their parents as this one of marriage. We are in the midst of a new era, and our young-sters are taught so quickly and their curriculum embraces such an infinite variety of things that were hardly dreamed of by the past generation, that it is small wonder, if you think that wisdom is with them, rather than with their parents. The lad or lass who falls to take advantage of the command "Honor thy father and thy mother" in this important step of selecting a mate is very likely to live to regret it. There is nothing in book-knowledge that will quite take the place of the experience of father and mother, which lovingly will crystallize itself into advice that should, if heeded, keep many young people off the matrimonial rocks.

This girl still trends upon the heels of pleasure. Married in haste, we may repeat at leisure. Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson had something to say on this matter:

When a boy has run away, and the two fastest people in the big house, the parents, are in the ditch, so when I see a raw youth and a green girl elope, I don't think I should be so quick to stampede them into that most serious contract, and setting out upon life's journey with ideas so monstrously divergent from the common sense of the world, that they will be sure to get into a bad way, what to her the mere common sense of taste will tell her is common as a snail. Through such a sea of confusion and confusion, she will find it hard to keep her feet, and to her respect, forsooth, and be ready when the time comes, to do the best she can for herself and her children, and to be a good mother and a good wife.

A great deal is said about the divorce evil; but there would be much less of this if it were not, in the first place, for the marriage evil, and if that is to be remedied so that the children of the future may be more healthy and hearty than it must be done through greater care in marrying; greater thought and care in selection.

"What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder." But can we say that God hath joined together, hath joined hot-headed willfulness to untidiness, so that the children of such a marriage shall be perpetual discord and hate? As David said:

The Lord is with us, and which a husband. Providence has made not the least provision to unite one's existence with another who can share all its joys, soften all its sorrows, add its projects, and support its views. To find joy blessed by such an influence, and to feel that your influence can bless such a life, this is the noblest and the highest power, and even fame can never rival its delight.

THE PRESS AND BRYAN.

He Will Probably Have Less Support Than Any Candidate.

Noting the attitude of the Eastern press toward the Taft nomination, the New York Tribune sees "indications that the newspaper bolt from Bryan will reach almost the proportions which it attained in his two previous campaigns. In this city, for instance, it is probable that he will not have the support of a single newspaper. It is indeed, probable that Mr. Bryan's newspaper support in the East will be quite as meager as it was in 1896, although no one could seriously contend that papers calling themselves Democratic in party affiliation now have half the justification in opposing him that they had twelve years ago. Yet factionalism and interminable feuds have practically destroyed the sense of party allegiance which formerly held party newspapers to the support of a strong candidate. In 1896 Mr. Bryan had the support of Hearst's New York papers, but these are now in the service of the Independent League. Mr. Bryan, in all probability, will have comparatively less newspaper support east of Ohio and north of Maryland than any Presidential candidate of his party in 1908.

If newspaper support settled the question of popular success or failure, of course, the election would have to be regarded as already definitely settled. But newspaper support, after a Presidential campaign gets started, is not necessarily a vital factor. Four years ago Judge Parker had an exceptional strong support in the Eastern press. In New York he was the candidate of the majority of the papers of large circulation and strong views. The World, Times, Post, and Eagle, among others, gave him their support; yet Parker lost New York State by a larger plurality than Bryan ever did. The support of an able press had no effect whatever, apparently, in bringing votes to the Democratic candidates.

Relief from Roosevelt.

From the Charleston News and Courier.

When the Republicans in Chicago removed the menace of four years more of Rooseveltism they accomplished for the country a noteworthy service for which all American citizens should be grateful and, moreover, their gratitude should also be stirred toward Theodore Roosevelt himself, whose word is not broken, who has not sought a second nomination that would have alarmed the sober and rational people of the United States and would have excited forebodings throughout the world. All of us may look forward to the retirement of Mr. Roosevelt on the fourth day of next March with emotions of huge relief and wish that his retirement may be happy, permanent, and complete.

There Is No Paule.

From the Detroit Free Press.

There is no paule. There is no reason to expect one. If such a contingency were imminent, the best and surest way to avoid it would be to patronize the banks instead of the broken teapots, holes in the wall, old stockings, or even safety deposit boxes. Deposits enable the banks to loan, and such loans mean the upholding of all business, the moving of crops included. Depositors have it within their power to lift banking credit, but to do so is very like suicide.

John Mitchell's Boom.

From the Boston News.

The Democrats of Texas have started a boom for John Mitchell for Vice President. Mr. Mitchell was for years head of the miners' union in America, and is one of the ablest and best spirited men who was ever at the head of organized labor.

In Time of Peace.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One man was killed and 100 injured during the 12th celebration of the battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown, Mass., last week. The casualties at these annual celebrations have exceeded those of the actual battle many times over.

Only Half Glad.

From the Detroit News.

Gov. Hoke Smith says he is about half glad that he was defeated. Still, one cannot help believing that he would have been wholly glad had he been only half defeated.

A Faithful Servant.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.

The plain old heard that a domestic servant, no matter how faithful and efficient she may be, is never appreciated in this country as well as in England, by the fact that the funeral of Jane Sheehan, who had been for twenty-five years maid to Mrs. De Grass Fox, of Philadelphia, was attended one day this week by many of the most prominent and influential men and women of the city who covered her coffin with flowers and showed evidences of sincere sorrow over her death.

NOTHING CAN PREVENT THE ELECTION OF TAFT, NO MATTER WHO THE CANDIDATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY MAY BE.

Nothing can prevent the election of Taft, no matter who the candidate of the Democratic party may be," said Judge A. C. Kauffman, well known public man of Charleston, S. C., at the Raleigh, last night.

"The press accounts, or at least the majority of them, have been saying there was a lack of Taft enthusiasm at the convention. That is not correct. Taft enthusiasm was manifest, and the chairman, Senator Lodge, who presided in a masterful manner, knows more than any other living man that Taft enthusiasm ran high throughout the entire convention. I traveled 1,500 miles to be present at Taft's nomination, and I am now on my way back home, making another 1,500 miles. Business and financial interests would rather see Taft elected than any one else; they have confidence in him, and are convinced he will give the country a safe and sane administration."

Johann Georg Schumacher, manufacturer of woollen goods, of Chemnitz, Saxony, Germany, is at the New Willard, Mr. Schumacher is no stranger in this country, visiting here every two years, when he makes a tour of his customers.

Speaking of business conditions in Germany, Mr. Schumacher said the business outlook in the fatherland was getting brighter, after many months of depression, in all branches of industries.

"The hard times in America," continued the German, "have given us hard times in Germany. But it was not only Germany that was affected. I understand England, France, and all other European nations were affected by the American depression. Things seem to be getting better here, and the consequence is a brighter outlook abroad. Europe relations between America and Europe are so intimate that one country is immediately affected by the business conditions of the other."

"I am surprised to see in your American papers that 'grat' has been discovered in the German government navy yards. I dare say there is not a word of truth in it. And let me add that it is my firm opinion this report was spread by English intrigues and government agents. It has always been England's plan to lower or belittle German prestige. They stoop to the meanest and most disreputable means in doing so. Why? Because they have an idea that they can retard Germany's commercial and political progress in that manner; that they thereby will discredit Germany in the eyes of other powers. That's the English method of fighting, and always has been; understand, in the secret and dark."

Empress William is aware of England's true feelings toward Germany, and is almost anxious to preserve peace, his patience has often been tested to the breaking point. It is not our Kaiser who disturbs the peace and equanimity of Europe. It is Edward, the English King, and his subsidized press, and secret agents and provocateurs who are keeping the world in a continuous mental uneasiness. Germany does not fight that way. We go ahead, and if England finds pleasure in her meddling campaign, it is her own affair.

"Germany will have a powerful, modern navy before many years, and the whole world knows the German army. We are not afraid of England, and secret agents combined; we are not as isolated as they are trying to make the world believe."

"Discussing introduction of physical culture in the public schools in the country, Dr. William N. Mueller, of San Francisco, who is registered at the Arlington, and who is on his way to the international turnfest in Frankfurt, Germany, said last night that the public school system of the United States before many years would undergo a complete change.

"Too much attention has been paid in our schools to studies which are of little practical value to the child in after years. Latin and Greek are all well enough for their special studies, but it is of little practical value for anybody. Why not teach Spanish, or German, or French in the public schools, instead of dead languages? We need Spanish scholars now, since we have millions of Spanish-speaking people under the Stars and Stripes. There are millions of Germans in this country who are engaged in business, and if English and secret agents for our children to learn German than waste their valuable time with Sanscrit."

"Another change will be the general introduction in the public schools of trade department studies, and the opportunity is given to the boy or girl to prepare himself for the future and earn her own livelihood. Trades should be taught in the schools, or at least the fundamental principles of mechanics, and the like, should be taught at the same time will also teach it to command when necessary; it will help to train the mind to make more systematic use of time and all other opportunities."

"The Japanese of to-day," said Dr. F. G. Monroe, of Chicago, at the Shoreham last night, "are a mixture of Mongolian invaders, Malayan and Negro settlers in the south, and a small tincture of Aryan stock, probably Persian, with a blending of the various races. Those whose were captured by the Yamato people, and who came about 2,000 or more years ago and occupied the fertile valleys of Central Japan. These Yamato people were largely Mongolians from Asia, but their leaders were undoubtedly of Aryan stock, judging from the facial characteristics of the clay images found in the ancient stone-walled grave chambers of the chief, and the like."

Dr. Monroe said that the prehistoric Japanese is not the Japanese of to-day, any more than the prehistoric American, the aboriginal Indian, is the American of to-day. He has wholly different characteristics and features. Dr. Monroe based his discoveries on eighteen years of painstaking work in Japan.

Standard Oil Victory.

From the Worcester Telegram.

The eight Rhode Island delegates controlled by Senator Aldrich, of Standard Oil notoriety, went over to Taft early. They were claimed by the Taft tabulators several weeks before the delegates would admit they were to vote for the Ohioan. Before the balloting was over the head of the Standard Oil banking house in Wall street, and a vice president of the Taft League, telegraphed congratulations to Taft. Are we going to lose that \$20,000,000? The ways of reform and of graft are not always clear until after the voting. But not until recently has any one had the nerve to label that sort of politics "righteousness."